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THE FOLLOWING IS THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF TEXT OF PROTEST TRANSMITTED TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA IN ITS CAPACITY AS COORDINATOR OF THE GROUP OF SEVENTY-SEVEN:

BEGIN TEXT: "DURING THE CLOSING MINUTES OF THE UNCTAD INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 19, THE DELEGATE OF SUDAN, SPEAKING FOR THE RECORD AND PURPORTING TO BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE GROUP OF 77, ENGAGED IN A LENGTHY, ACRIMONIOUS STATEMENT WHICH IMPUGNED THE MOTIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OF OTHER MEMBERS OF BOTH GROUP B AND GROUP D. THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES FOUND IT ASTONISHING THAT SUCH A STATE-

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MENT COULD BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE GROUP OF 77 WITHOUT A

SINGLE DEMURRAL BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP. THE ASTONISHMENT OF THIS MISSION WAS HEIGHTENED WHEN SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77 APPROACHED THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING TO EXPRESS THEIR DISASSOCIATION FROM THE ILL-TEMPERED AND ILL-ADVISED STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATE OF SUDAN, CLAIMING HIS STATEMENT HAD NEVER BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE GROUP OF 77 AS A WHOLE.

"THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT, SINCE THE STATEMENT IS TO BE REFLECTED IN THE RECORDS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED AS THE OPINION OF THE GROUP OF 77, IT IS ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE GROUP OF 77 IN GENEVA TO ISSUE A STATEMENT OF ITS OWN DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM THE STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATE OF SUDAN." END TEXT.DALE

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